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Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, (85095 80002)  
R/o House No. 78/8, Park Road,  
Navi Mandi, Dhuri, District Sangrur.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Regional Transport Authority,  
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Regional Transport Authority,  
Patiala.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2738 OF 2023

**Present:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER :**

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 11.03.2025, vide which upon examining the RTI application, the Commission had observed that the information sought by the appellant was vague in nature. Furthermore, as per the respondent's letter Ref. No. 8994 dated 17.03.2023, the PIO had informed that the requested information was voluminous and attracted the exemption under Section 7(9) of the RTI Act, 2005. Accordingly, the Commission had directed the appellant to specify the exact information required in the RTI application. It was further directed that the appellant may visit the office of the PIO on any working day within 15 days of the issuance of the previous order after taking a prior appointment. The PIO was also directed to entertain the appellant during his visit and provide only the specified information as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

2. Today, however, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present for the hearing.

3. In view of the absence of both parties, **a final opportunity** is granted to both the appellant and the respondent PIO to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The appellant is once again directed to comply with the previous order of the Commission and visit the office of the PIO, after taking a prior appointment, to specify the exact information required.

4. It is made clear that if either party fails to appear or comply with the directions on the next date, the matter shall be decided **on merits based on available records**, and no further opportunity shall be granted.

**3. Next hearing on 29.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Tehsildar,

Dhuri, District Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Dhuri, District Sangrur.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 2867 OF 2023**

**Present:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER :**

1. The above-mentioned cases were initially heard by the Hon'ble Bench of **Sh. Anumit singh sodhi** and were subsequently **transferred to the undersigned Bench** following his retirement. Accordingly, the cases were listed for hearing today.

2. Both the parties are absent the matter is accordingly adjourned.

3. **Next hearing on 29.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Shri Jagtar Singh, (95013 51755)  
S/o Shri Tarlochan Singh,  
R/o Kishan Nagar, Post Office Hariana,  
District Hoshiarpur.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council Hariana,  
District Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Deputy Director,  
Local Government, Jalandhar.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2937 OF 2022

**Present:** Appellant: Shri Jagtar Singh  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER :**

1. The above-mentioned cases were initially heard by the Hon'ble Bench of **Sh. Asit jolly** and were subsequently **transferred to the undersigned Bench** following his retirement. Accordingly, the cases were listed for hearing today.

2. The RTI application in the present case is dated **26.10.2021**, seeking information regarding the **lease contract for garbage dump** in the jurisdiction of the Municipal Council Hariana from **January 2018 to October 2021**. The First Appeal was filed on **11.12.2021** and the Second Appeal was filed before the Commission on **21.06.2022**. The matter was earlier heard and disposed of on **01.11.2022** with a Final Order dated **04.10.2022**, wherein a **penalty of Rs. 5,000/-** was imposed upon the then PIO, and **compensation of Rs. 5,000/-** was awarded to the appellant. The case was **reopened due to non-compliance** with the said Orders. Despite issuance of notice, the respondent PIO has **failed to submit a compliance report** or appear before the Commission.

3. Today, **only the appellant is present**. The respondent PIO is **absent without any intimation** and has not submitted the compliance report as directed.

4. In view of the above, the **matter is hereby adjourned**. The PIO-cum-Executive Officer, Municipal Council Hariana, District Hoshiarpur, is once again **directed to:**

(i) **Ensure compliance** with the Commission's Orders dated **04.10.2022** and **01.11.2022**;

(ii) **Deposit the penalty amount of Rs. 5,000/-** from his salary within **30 days** from the receipt of this Order;

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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 2937 OF 2022**

(iii) **Pay the compensation amount of Rs. 5,000/-** to the appellant from the public authority's fund within **30 days**;

(iv) **Submit a detailed compliance report** along with payment proof within **30 days**.

5. A copy of this Order, be marked to the **Principal Secretary, Local Government, Punjab** and the **Director, Local Government, Punjab** for ensuring compliance within the stipulated period.

**5. Next hearing on 08.07.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Cc: 1. Principal Secretary, Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government, (For compliance)

2. Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh (For compliance)

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Shri Prabhjot Singh Gill, (81460 07472)

S/o Shri Jagjit Singh,

R/o # 329, V.P.O. Doda Baja Patti,

Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2966 OF 2023

Present: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

### ORDER :

1. The RTI application is dated **13.03.2023**, vide which the appellant sought information regarding **File No. S/PB/00025/2021 dated 30.09.2021**, as mentioned in his application. The **First Appeal** was filed before the First Appellate Authority on **24.03.2023**, and the **Second Appeal** was filed before the Commission on **05.05.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. A **Notice of Hearing** was issued to the parties for the first hearing before the Commission on **20.12.2023**.

*The above-mentioned cases were initially heard by the Hon'ble Bench of **Sh. Asit jolly** and were subsequently **transferred to the undersigned Bench** following his retirement. Accordingly, the cases were listed for hearing today*

2. Today, both parties are absent.

3. Accordingly, the matter is **adjourned**, with the direction that **both the appellant and the respondent PIO shall remain present on the next date of hearing** and represent their case. **Failure to appear may result in ex-parte proceedings.**

4. **Next hearing on 08.07.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2987 OF 2022

**Present:** Appellant: Shri Jagtar Singh  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER :**

1. The above-mentioned cases were initially heard by the Hon'ble Bench of **Sh. Asit jolly** and were subsequently **transferred to the undersigned Bench** following his retirement. Accordingly, the cases were listed for hearing today.

2. Today, both the appellant and the respondent PIO are absent. Accordingly, the matter is adjourned.

**Note:** A penalty was imposed on the PIO vide Order dated 31.01.2023.

3. Both the parties are strictly directed to be present before the Commission on the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate ex-parte proceedings may be initiated and coercive measures under the RTI Act may be taken.

4. Next hearing on 27.08.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Jasbir Singh, (98882 96107)

R/o Guru Nanak Nagar,

Village Bholapur Jhabewal,

Chandigarh Road, District Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Civil Surgeon,

Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Civil Surgeon,

Ludhiana.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 3264 OF 2020

**Present:**

**Appellant:** Absent

**Respondent:** Absent

### ORDER:

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.

2. This appeal case was **disposed of on 12.05.2022**, but has been **reopened on account of non-compliance** with the Commission's **Final Order dated 24.11.2021**, whereby a **compensation of ₹5,000/-** was awarded to the appellant, **Sh. Jasbir Singh**, for the detriments suffered by him in obtaining the information.

3. At today's hearing, the respondent PIO, represented by **Dr. Aditya Parkash** and **Sh. Chandan, Clerk**, appeared and **requested the Commission to grant additional time** to comply with the previous order, particularly with respect to the **payment of the awarded compensation**.

4. Accordingly, the Commission grants a **final opportunity of 30 days** to the respondent PIO to **ensure full compliance** with the order dated 24.11.2021 and **submit a compliance report** to the Commission **without fail**.

5. **Next hearing on 28.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Shri Kulwant Singh, (98725 84015)

S/o Shri Tara Singh,

R/o H. No. 28, Sukhdev Avenue,

New Rajguru Nagar, Threake Road, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Block Ludhiana – I, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3315 OF 2023

Present:

**Appellant:** Shri Kulwant Singh

**Respondent:** Absent

ORDER:

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.
2. The appellant, **Sh. Kulwant Singh**, stated that the **respondent has not complied** with the **previous order of the Commission** and has **not provided the requisite information**, despite considerable delay.
3. As **no one is present on behalf of the PIO**, the matter is **adjourned with a strict direction** to the **PIO to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing** and to **submit a complete reply/information to the appellant** in compliance with the previous orders, failing which **penal proceedings under the RTI Act may be initiated**.
4. **Next hearing on 28.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh  
22.04.2025